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Committee/Board Meetings/Hearings

August 14-15
Committee/Board Meetings/Hearings

October 9-11
Planning Session/Board Meeting
(Tennessee Tech University)

December 4-5
Committee/Board Meetings/Hearings

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are held in Nashville, Tennessee, in the 3rd floor conference room of the Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway. Please contact the Board office at 615-741-3221 or 800-256-5758 to verify times and locations, as the meeting schedule is subject to change. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Board's website (www.tn.gov/commerce/boards/ae).

UT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM EARNS ACCREDITATION

August 22, 2012

KNOXVILLE — The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Landscape Architecture Program has achieved its initial accreditation from the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board (LAAB).

UT is now the only accredited landscape architecture program in Tennessee and one of few programs in the Southeast, United States.

Nearly all states, including Tennessee, require that license-seeking professionals in landscape architecture possess professional degrees from accredited programs.

UT's commitment to service learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and excellent student work was noted by LAAB in their final report.

"Our accreditation is a milestone event for the entire university, our partner colleges, and the profession of landscape architecture in the state of Tennessee," said Brad Collett, interim chair of the landscape architecture program.

"With enhanced national credibility and visibility, our faculty, students and alumni now find ourselves at the threshold of seemingly limitless opportunities to make meaningful contributions to design in our communities and stewardship of our natural environment."

To become accredited, programs must demonstrate a culture of self-evaluation and a commitment to continuous improvement that assures students and the public that its graduates are receiving a quality education and meeting or exceeding the profession's expectations for entry-level employment.

A team of external reviewers assessed the program by seven standards that include its educational values, curriculum, facilities, student and faculty accomplishments, and capabilities to achieve the program's outlined long-term goals. Initial accreditation visits occur only after each program has graduated its first

class; UT's initial cohorts crossed the stage of Thompson-Boling in May 2011.

The landscape architecture program is a joint collaboration between the College of Architecture and Design and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Its graduate-level curriculum focuses on the planning, design, and stewardship of constructed and natural environments.

UT's program offers three degrees: the Master of Landscape Architecture first-professional degree, the Master of Arts in Landscape Architecture, and the Master of Science in Landscape Architecture. The first-professional Master of Landscape Architecture degree prepares students to seek licensure, whereas the Master of Arts and Master of Science are offered for those who already have a professional degree in Landscape Architecture, or those who want to conduct research in landscape architecture but do not intend to pursue a career path that requires professional registration.

In the four years since the program began in August 2008, UT landscape architecture students have engaged in several meaningful applied research projects including the New Norris House, the Haiti Project, and the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon entry, Living Light.

Recently, the program became participant to a \$4.3 million grant given to the city of Knoxville through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities. Students developed research and design recommendations that addressed stormwater quality and flash flooding in Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon and Union counties. The program is now working on a green infrastructure guide

UPDATE ON NATIONAL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Tennessee Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners continues to participate in meetings of the following national regulatory councils: the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), and the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ). The national councils assist member boards by developing uniform national examinations and model laws and regulations, among other responsibilities.

The following issues were discussed at the NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 20-23, 2012:

- **Resolutions:** Ten (10) resolutions were voted on and adopted, including a resolution which amends NCARB's *Legislative Guidelines* to provide language for member boards to reject an application or take disciplinary action based on misconduct that may include violation of rules relating the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) or the Intern Development Program (IDP), thus protecting the integrity of the architect licensing process. Another resolution amends the *Model Regulations* to require architect supervisors to verify the work experience completed by interns under their direct supervision in a timely, accurate manner.
- **Workshops and Reports:** Attendees also received an overview of the IDP, an introduction to National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accreditation, and an update on NCARB programs and services.
- **Continuing Education:** It was reported that 20 jurisdictions have either adopted or are in the process of adopting the new NCARB continuing education standard. The number of jurisdictions had increased to 29 by December 2012. The NCARB guidelines require 12 structured continuing education hours in health, safety, and welfare subjects each calendar year; no carryover hours are allowed. The Tennessee Board is currently discussing amending its continuing education rules

for architects to more closely conform to the NCARB guidelines.

- **Officer Elections:** The following individuals were elected to serve on the NCARB Board of Directors—
 - o Ron Blitch (LA), President
 - o Blake Dunn (AR), First Vice President/President-Elect
 - o Dale McKinney (IA), Second Vice President
 - o Dennis Ward (SC), Treasurer
 - o Margo Jones (MA), Secretary
 - o Lynn Axelroth (PA), Public Director
 - o Jan Simpson (SC), Member Board Executive Director

Executive Director John Cothron was introduced as the new Member Board Executive representative on the Region 3 (the Southern Conference) Board of Directors.

The following issues were discussed at the NCEES Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on August 22-25, 2012:

- **Computer-Based Testing:** A motion passed to convert each Principles and Practice of Engineering examination to computer-based testing (CBT) at the earliest feasible date, but no earlier than January 2015. The Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam is scheduled for conversion to a computer-based format in January 2014. With CBT, candidates will have four windows to sit for the exam totaling 175 days during the year. Candidates will be allowed to sit for CBT exams in any jurisdiction. Also, beginning in January 2014, the FE exam will be seven freestanding, discipline specific exams: Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Computer, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, and Other Disciplines. See the related article in this newsletter for additional information.
- **Examination Policies and Procedures:** NCEES President Gene Dinkins announced that he will assign a charge to a committee to research whether or not candidates should be allowed to sit for the PE exam before gaining four years of experience. There was also discussion about making the Structural exam an additional 16-hour exam after a general PE exam.
- **Industrial Exemption:** The *Model Law* was amended to state, "Licensed engineers shall be in responsible charge of all engineering design of buildings, structures, products, machines, processes, and systems that can affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public," a change aimed at eliminating the industrial exemption from licensure. President Dinkins has established a task force to research the industrial exemption and discuss ways to eliminate some or all of the exemption (Board member Hal Balthrop has been appointed to this task force). See the related article in this newsletter for additional information.
- **Commissioning of Engineering Works, Products, and Systems:** The *Model Law* was amended to incorporate the phrase "commissioning of engineering works, products, and systems" into the definition of the practice of engineering.
- **Engineering Surveys:** A motion by the Rhode Island Surveyors Board to remove the term "engineering surveys" from the *Model Law* definition of the practice of engineering was withdrawn. President Dinkins pledged to study this issue in the coming year.
- **Issues regarding Foreign Applicants:**
 - o Dr. Michael Milligan, Executive Director of ABET, reported that ABET currently accredits 286 foreign programs at 60 institutions in 23 countries. The same accreditation criteria are applied to both foreign and domestic programs. ABET is receiving about 100 applications a year from foreign programs.
 - o NCEES Executive Director Jerry Carter reported on NCEES exam administration outside the U.S. NCEES exams are currently offered in Canada, Japan, South Korea, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Turkey, and they are continually receiving requests from other countries. NCEES does establish minimum criteria for foreign candidates in general conformance with the NCEES

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NCEES Approves Expanding Computer-Based Testing to PE, PS Exams

The state licensing boards that compose NCEES, the organization that develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the United States, have voted to begin converting the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) and Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exams to a computer-based format.

The unanimous decision was made during the 2012 NCEES annual meeting, held August 22–25 in St. Louis, Missouri. It follows a 2010 decision to convert the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams to computer-based testing, a transition that will be completed in January 2014.

The PE exams will be converted to computer-based testing (CBT) in 2015 at the earliest, but, as NCEES Executive

Director Jerry Carter explained, the transition will be paced for each exam. We offer 25 different PE exams in 17 different engineering disciplines, and NCEES will review each exam individually to determine what it needs to move to CBT,” he said. “The language approved by the Council is ‘at the earliest feasible date,’ and NCEES will move carefully and deliberately with each conversion to ensure that the exam continues to reliably measure professional competence.”

There is no set time for converting the PS exam to a computer-based administration, but Carter explained that NCEES wants to gain experience with computer-based testing for the FE and FS exams before it moves another exam to the new format.

While recognizing the effort involved in converting an exam to computer-based

format, Carter also noted the advantages, including greater scheduling flexibility for candidates, more uniformity in testing conditions, and enhanced security for exam content.

The PE or PS exam is typically the last step in the engineering or surveying licensure process. Licensure candidates who pass the FE or FS exam and meet education and work experience requirements must pass the PE or PS exam to become eligible for licensure as a professional engineer or professional surveyor.

Over 25,000 candidates took the PE exam in the past year, which included October and April administrations. Over 1,200 examinees took the PS exam during the same period.

NCEES FOCUSES ON INDUSTRIAL EXEMPTIONS

Among other actions taken at the annual meeting, NCEES member boards expressed their support for strengthening licensure’s protections by applying them toward engineered products and systems. They approved an amendment to the NCEES *Model Law* to require responsible charge of a licensed engineer over the engineering design of buildings, structures, products, machines, processes, and systems that can affect the public health, safety, and welfare.

The amendment is a response to provisions in many state laws, known as industrial exemptions, that exempt firms that manufacture products from requiring a P.E. to oversee their design.

“The newly added requirement is subject to implementation at the state level,” Carter said. “But adding it to the *Model Law*—which serves as a best-practice model for state laws—demonstrates the boards’ commitment to protecting the American public.”

Newly installed President Gene Dinkins, P.E., P.L.S., has appointed a task force for the coming year to study which U.S. jurisdictions have industrial exemptions and to develop discussion points that state licensing boards can use to begin talks with their legislators about eliminating these types of exemptions. Tennessee Board member Hal Balthrop, P.E., is currently serving on this task force.

NCARB BROADENS OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN IDP HOURS

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has announced additional opportunities for interns to earn experience hours in the Intern Development Program (IDP). These two opportunities build upon the experience areas announced in April 2012 as part of IDP 2.0. The academic internship experience, originally capped at 930 hours, will now have no cap. This change will be retroactive to April 5 when academic internships first became available to earn hours. Interns will also have the opportunity to earn IDP experience through construction work.

“The Council is continuously looking for opportunities for interns to gain valuable experience that counts toward the IDP,” said Michael J. Armstrong, NCARB Chief Executive Officer. “The addition of construction work and the removal of the cap on experience earned through academic internships demonstrate the Council’s commitment to a more agile

approach to its programs, expanding opportunities, and responding to recommendations of our stakeholders and collateral partners like the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA).”

Construction Work

Many options exist in the construction industry for an intern to gain hands-on experience. Through these options interns develop knowledge and skills valuable to understanding how details “on paper” translate to the built environment and other aspects of the profession of architecture.

Interns may earn up to 930 elective hours in construction work done through either a paid or volunteer position. They must work at least 15 hours per week for a minimum of eight weeks for the experience to qualify. Construction activities that can be counted toward hours include, but are not

NEW VIDEO SERIES HELPS ASPIRING ARCHITECTS NAVIGATE PATH TO LICENSURE

A new video series, *Destination: Architect*, from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) aims to demystify the licensure process for emerging professionals. Each video maps out a key licensure requirement and highlights what to know before getting started.

Now available to the general public through the NCARB YouTube channel, *Destination: Architect* serves as an educational resource for organizations and individuals who provide guidance to future architects, such as school counselors, educators, administrators, and components of professional organizations like the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Destination: Architect is intended to help aspiring architects proactively plan and prepare for meeting licensure requirements. Architects are responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of the people who occupy the buildings they create, so the path to licensure is designed to help those seeking licensure meet that important responsibility. This fast-paced video series maps out the

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Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

Walter L. Anderson, P.E. #6405
Bolivar, Tennessee

VIOLATION: Practiced engineering on an expired certificate of registration. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-101 and 62-2-105.

PENALTY: \$2,000 civil penalty; must take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

CONSENT ORDER: August 27, 2012

John H. Comperly, R.A. #21752
Clarksville, Tennessee

VIOLATION: Affixed seal to plans not prepared by him or under his responsible charge; practice outside areas of competence. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-306(b) and rules 0120-02-.08 and 0120-02-.03.

PENALTY: \$4,000 civil penalty; take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

CONSENT ORDER: August 10, 2012

David Roland Day, P.E. #21285
Asheville, North Carolina

VIOLATION: Disciplined in another jurisdiction. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and (F) and rule 0120-02-.07(5)(c).

PENALTY: Suspension until such time as the respondent's license has been fully reinstated in the original disciplining jurisdiction; take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

CONSENT ORDER: September 21, 2012

John Franklin Germ, P.E. #8589
Chattanooga, Tennessee

VIOLATION: Disciplined in other jurisdictions. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and (F) and rule 0120-02-.07(5)(c).

PENALTY: \$1,000 civil penalty; \$200 in administrative costs.

FINAL ORDER: August 16, 2012

Albert Paul Hermans, P.E. #111471
Independence, Missouri

VIOLATION: Disciplined in another jurisdiction. Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and rule 0120-02-.07(5)(b).

PENALTY: Suspension of registration for one year; take and pass the Board's law and rules exam; \$250 civil penalty; \$200 in administrative costs.

FINAL ORDER: August 16, 2012

Mark E. McGuire, P.E. #15201
Memphis, Tennessee

VIOLATION: Practiced engineering on an expired certificate of registration. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-101 and 62-2-105.

PENALTY: \$500 civil penalty; must take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

CONSENT ORDER: October 20, 2012

Kevin Laurance Wallace, R.A. #102844
Carrollton, Texas

VIOLATION: Failed to pay the professional privilege tax for two (2) years or more. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and 67-4-1704.

PENALTY: \$250 civil penalty; pay hearing costs of \$200 (respondent had paid all privilege taxes due).

FINAL ORDER: August 16, 2012

Wynn Warner, Nonregistrant
Marietta, Georgia

VIOLATION: Unlicensed practice of architecture. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-101 and 62-2-105.

PENALTY: \$2,400 civil penalty.

CONSENT ORDER: November 9, 2012

James Michael Witten, R.A. #103331
Raleigh, North Carolina

VIOLATION: Failed to pay the professional privilege tax for two (2) years or more. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-308(a)(1)(B) and 67-4-1704.

PENALTY: \$250 civil penalty; pay hearing costs of \$200 (respondent had paid all privilege taxes due).

FINAL ORDER: August 16, 2012

Gary Wayne Wood, P.E. #23525
Russellville, Kentucky

VIOLATION: Practiced engineering on an expired certificate of registration. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 62-2-101 and 62-2-105.

PENALTY: \$1,500 civil penalty; must take and pass the Board's law and rules exam.

CONSENT ORDER: September 17, 2012

COMPLAINT STATISTICS (Fiscal Year 2012)

Complaints/Cases Opened	74
Complaints/Cases Closed.....	61
Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken	26
Letters of Warning, Caution, etc.....	57
Civil Penalties Assessed	22
Total Amount Assessed	\$25,300
Civil Penalties Collected	19
Total Amount Collected	\$22,405



The Board and Staff wish to extend our sympathies to the families and friends of these individuals who have honored their professions:

ARCHITECTS

Carl William Barth, #9760,
Knoxville, TN
Joe Wilson Hurt, #14564,
Bartlett, TN
Kevin M. Morand, #20618,
Bay Village, OH
Morris E. Parker, #9728,
Laverne, TN
Richard W. Redden, #101638,
Little Rock, AR
John E. Rice, #17023,
Raleigh, NC
Clifton Watson, #2423,
Memphis, TN
James C. Wilmot, #21649,
Gaithersburg, MD
John A. Wurz, #6521,
Atlanta, GA

ENGINEERS

Henry P. Abbott, Jr., #2537,
Madison, TN
Robert A. Beesley, #13640,
Olive Branch, MS
Lindy Ray Bryant, #105085,
Mechanicsville, VA
Griffith C. Burr, Jr., #4350,
Memphis, TN
William R. Carter, #2489,
Fayetteville, TN
William B. Everett, #7649,
Memphis, TN
Pat M. Gingles, #2850,
Philadelphia, PA
Harvey H. Hamby, #9320,
Chattanooga, TN
Phillip C. Harris, #23448,
Lynchburg, VA
William J. Jason, #5631,
Memphis, TN
William B. Johnson, #23194,
North Little Rock, AR
Paul B. Loiseau, Jr., #16945,
Heiskell, TN

Loyal W. Murphy, III, #5513,
Memphis, TN
John C. Parker, #19330,
Hixson, TN
William Stanley Payne, III, #107788,
Nashville, TN
Gaylen Lee Perkuhn, #111769,
Hugo, MN
Ronald E. Purkey, #11741,
Ooltewah, TN
Gregory Rorech, #109621,
Tampa, FL

Thomas F. Roth, #10630,
Bloomfield, MI
William P. Smith, Jr., #4648,
Chattanooga, TN
Madison S. Trehwitt, II, #10440,
Cleveland, TN
John H. Upham, III, #3345,
Brentwood, TN

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Chester Glenn Allen, #700,
New York, NY

If you have a name that should be recognized in this section, please contact the board office.

DID YOU KNOW?

- February 17-23, 2013, has been designated National Engineers Week. The 2013 theme is "Celebrate Awesome," and will focus on all of the amazing things engineers do every day to make the world a better place. The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) is the lead society sponsor for this year's EWeek, joined by Lockheed Martin as the lead corporate sponsor. Visit www.eweek.org for more information.
- The 2012 survey of U.S. architectural registration boards by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) indicates that there are currently 105,596 registered architects in the United States. This represents a 1.2 percent increase in licensed architects from the 2011 survey. Data was collected in August 2012 from the jurisdictions and reflects July 2011 through June 2012.
- You may rate your experience with the Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners by completing a brief survey at <http://www.tn.gov/commerce/boards/survey.shtml>. The Board is committed to providing exceptional service to applicants, registrants, and the public, and we would appreciate your feedback.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: Do Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans require the seal of a registered professional engineer?

Answer: The following policy was adopted by the Board at the October 12, 2012, meeting:

It is the policy of this Board that if the seal of a professional engineer is required on SPCC plans for a facility in Tennessee, then a Tennessee-registered professional engineer must seal the plans. The seal of an engineer registered in another jurisdiction would not be acceptable.

This decision is in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 62-2-101, which states that only properly qualified and registered persons may practice engineering in this state. The stated purpose of this requirement is "to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote public welfare."

This policy would also apply to Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) for projects in Tennessee. If the seal of a professional engineer is required on these plans, then a Tennessee-registered professional engineer must seal the plans.

Question: Why does the online renewal system tell me that I am not eligible to complete my license renewal online because there is a deficiency and staff processing is required?

Answer: This message appears because the renewal is considered pending until reviewed by office staff. If all requirements are met, the license is renewed within two business days. You will be notified if any outstanding deficiencies need to be addressed.



Information On Examinations



The Board would appreciate your sharing information about these professional examinations with interns in your office.

ARCHITECTURE

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has announced that changes to the exam process will be implemented in 2013. In late August, NCARB will launch a new portal within My NCARB for Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) candidates to access their examination information and schedule appointments. As announced in 2011, Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc. will take over content and candidate management for the ARE, and Prometric will continue to be the Council's site management consultant beginning July 1, 2013. In order to facilitate the migration of data to the new consultant, there will be an estimated eight-week blackout for candidates from scheduling and taking exams beginning July 1, 2013. There will be no changes to exam content post-blackout. However, the process to schedule an exam appointment and receive score reports will be different. For all candidates, NCARB will grant an automatic 12-week extension to the rolling clock post-blackout. This extension applies only to the NCARB rolling clock, and not to the pending status for Tennessee exam applications, which will continue to expire five (5) years after receipt of the application. See the NCARB website (www.ncarb.org) for further information on these changes.

Interns wishing to sit for the ARE before completing the Intern Development Program (IDP) must file an application with the Board and request that NCARB transmit a record summary to the Board office confirming that they have enrolled in IDP. Applicants applying for early ARE eligibility must also submit transcripts. Upon completion of IDP, a complete NCARB record must be transmitted to the Board and references must be submitted before registration may be granted.

Exam Results (7/7/12-1/7/13)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Constr. Doc. & Services	29	23	79%
Prog., Planning & Practice	26	22	85%
Structural Systems	20	16	80%
Bldg. Design & Const. Sys.	17	14	82%
Schematic Design	22	20	91%
Site Planning & Design	21	18	86%
Building Systems	23	23	100%

ENGINEERING

• Fundamentals of Engineering Examination (FE) —

Application Deadlines:

	Seniors*	Non-seniors**
Spring Exam	February 1	January 1
Fall Exam	August 15	August 1

*Engineering students with senior status in the engineering curriculum.

**Those who have already been awarded an undergraduate degree in engineering.

The FE exam will be administered in Chattanooga, Cookeville, Nashville, Knoxville, Martin, and Memphis on:

April 13, 2013
October 26, 2013

NOTE: The FE exam will be given via computer-based testing beginning in January 2014. When that happens, the exam will be given during assigned windows of time at Pearson VUE test centers rather than on specific April and October dates. Also, as announced in the Spring/Summer 2012 newsletter, the FE exam will be delivered as seven freestanding, discipline-specific exams (Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Computer, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, and Other Disciplines) beginning in 2014.

• Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations (P&P) —

The application deadline for new applicants for the spring Principles and Practice of Engineering exam is December 1. The fall deadline is June 15. All supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) are due in the Board office within thirty (30) days after the application deadline. The exam will be given in Nashville, Knoxville, and Memphis on:

April 12, 2013
October 25, 2013

To facilitate scheduling of the P&P exams, retake requests and fees should be received by the Board office by February 1 for the spring exam and September 1 for the fall exam. Registrants wishing to take other exam disciplines must submit an application to add an exam discipline (available at the Board's website) with the appropriate exam fee by January 1 for the spring exam and August 1 for the fall exam. The 16-hour Structural exam fee is \$1,020 (\$510 Lateral Forces and \$510 Vertical Forces), and the examination fee for all other disciplines is \$265.

Following approval by the Tennessee Board to sit for an exam, applicants **must** register with NCEES at www.ncees.org to reserve a seat for the exam. For information regarding exam study materials, which calculators are permitted in the examination room and exam specifications, please visit the NCEES website.

Exam Results (October 2012)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Fundamentals of Engineering	246	154	63%
Principles and Practice of Engineering			
Chemical	4	3	75%

Civil	104	54	52%
Control Systems	4	1	25%
Electrical & Computer	34	23	68%
Environmental	5	3	60%
Fire Protection	3	0	0%
Industrial	2	1	50%
Mechanical	39	27	69%
Mining & Mineral Processing	1	0	0%
Nuclear	1	0	0%
All Disciplines	197	112	57%

Structural Engineering (16-hour)	Total	Acceptable Result	% Pass
Vertical Component	8	3	38%
Lateral Component	8	2	25%

Note: To pass the Structural exam, an acceptable result must be obtained on both the vertical and lateral components. Three (3) candidates passed the Structural exam this administration.

National pass rates are available on the NCEES website (www.ncees.org).

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Beginning with the September 2012 administration, the Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) was completely computerized, and candidates now register directly with the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) for all exam sections following approval by the Board to sit for the exam. The LARE is now divided into four sections:

- Section 1—Project and Construction Administration
- Section 2—Inventory and Analysis
- Section 3—Design
- Section 4—Grading, Drainage and Construction Documentation

Additional information regarding the LARE, including current fees and exam dates, is available at CLARB's website (www.clarb.org).

Exam Results (8/12-9/12)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Section C	2	2	100%
Section E	7	4	57%
Section 1	1	1	100%
Section 2	1	1	100%

INTERIOR DESIGN

The Interior Design Qualification exam will be given on:

April 5-6, 2013
October 4-5, 2013

To obtain an application for the exam, call the National

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Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) at 202-721-0220, or visit www.ncidq.org. The application deadline for the spring exam is December 1, and the deadline for the fall exam is June 1. NCIDQ has developed practice tests and design problems to assist exam candidates in preparing for the exam; see the NCIDQ website for details. See the Spring/Summer 2012 newsletter for information on recent NCIDQ exam changes.

Exam Results (Fall 2012)

	Total	Pass	% Pass
Section 1	10	8	80%
Section 2	13	10	77%
Section 3	14	5	36%

NEW REGISTRANTS

The Board and staff congratulate the following registrants who passed their respective professional examinations and were registered between January 1, 2012, and June 30, 2012:

ARCHITECTS

(Architect Registration Exam)

Gretchen Noel Barker
Joseph Michael Bucher
Sophia Bridwell Davidson
Jennifer Pemberton Earwood
John Joseph Falco
Richelle Relayson Fortaleza
Joshua Philip Gruner
Brett Hall Harbison
Amy Michele Hardin
Daniel Mark Levy
Monika Miller
Paula Jean Holder Myers
Daniel Stone Oakley
Jason Benjamin Schrader
Kirby Wayne Sexton
Julie Hay Simmons
Dawn Michelle Smith
Michael David Stiles
Kayce DeBlanc Williford

ENGINEERS

(Principles and Practice of Engineering Examinations)

Jennifer R. Acton
Kyle Collins Adams
Armand Edward Allaire, III
Jonathan Lee Allen
Robert David Andre
Matthew Christopher Arp
Joshua Duane Backman
Nathan Scott Benditz
Christopher Michael Berry
Aubrey Lee Black, II
Jason Douglass Black
Michael Edward Bradley
Jason Duane Brooks
John Bernard Brown
Jameson Franklin Cagle
William Robert Cantrell
Carlos Carvajal
Scott Edmon Castleberry
Stephen Crosby Childress
Lance Everette Click

Leslie Bryan Colvard
Nicholas James DeBlasis
Susan Gail Lowe DeLand
Micky Lynn Dobson
Larry Joe Dockery
Matthew Edward Dorsey
Siphay David Douangvilay
Michael Edward Driver
Laura Kristin Duncan
Dewey Wayne Durham
Terry Neal Durham
Ted Ashley Dyer
Joshua Steven Earley
Jesse Kermit Easterling
Adam Lawrence Eisan
Johnathan Barry Elmore
Oladokun Emmanuel Faduyile
James Christian Farmer, II
Ryan Shaw Ferguson
Michael Joseph Feuser
Stacy Lynn Fields
Gavin Sean Fink
Christopher Nathan Flexer
Andrew Franklin Ford
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Jonathan Patrick Watson
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Joseph Hubert Wilck, IV
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Julie Marie Wilson
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Walter Pierce Wojick
Ting Xu
Daniel Ryan Yates
James Matthew Yeager
Guy Thomas Zimmerman

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

(Landscape Architect Registration Exam)

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David Christian Locke
Henry Weston Minor
Jonathan P. Sanders

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Council Updates...cont.

Model Law and Model Rules, but they do not verify their qualifications. NCEES is working to develop written standards for evaluating requests from foreign jurisdictions and to study issues associated with candidates taking and passing exams at foreign sites and applying for licensure with member boards. One particularly difficult issue is the evaluation of foreign experience.

• Other Significant Motions:

- o A standing Committee on Education was created to “serve in an advisory role for education issues related to ABET, requirements prior to initial licensure, continuing professional competency, and foreign degree or unaccredited program evaluation.”
 - o A standing Member Board Administrators (MBA) Committee was created to plan MBA meetings and “to facilitate and assist any efforts by the Member Boards in addressing licensure processes and practices.”
 - o The *Bylaws* were amended to move Virginia from the Northeast Zone to the Southern Zone.
 - o Financial Policy 1 regarding council funds was amended to read that the reserve funds should be accumulated to and maintained at a minimum amount of 100 percent (the policy previously read 75%) of the annual operating budget plus a designated reserve equal to the computed cost of a total exam breach. President Dinkins announced that he would charge the Committee on Finances with exploring ways to better utilize the council's reserve funds.
- **Officer Elections:** Gene Dinkins, PE, PLS (SC) began his term as NCEES president. Patty Mamola, PE (NV) was elected president-elect.

The following issues were discussed at the CLARB Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California on September 6-8, 2012:

- **Universal Designation for Licensure:** A proposal by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) to adopt

“P.L.A.” (Professional Landscape Architect) as the universal designation for a licensed landscape architect was discussed. Many of the member boards expressed hesitancy about adopting this title.

- **Exam Eligibility Standards:** A proposal was discussed to allow for entry into the exam process immediately following graduation, based on findings from the recent CLARB “Determinants of Success” study. Tennessee already allows applicants to sit for the Landscape Architect Registration Exam (LARE) prior to completing the experience requirement. A proposal to simplify and standardize exam eligibility requirements was also presented for comment.
- **Public Welfare Awareness/Licensure Defense:** Attendees discussed ways to inform the public, legislators, and other parties of how landscape architects positively affect public welfare and of the need to regulate the practice of landscape architecture to protect the public's health and safety.
- **Global Relevance Initiative:** Information was provided on CLARB's efforts to achieve global relevance through outreach efforts in Mexico, Asia and Europe. CLARB is exploring pilot projects to administer the LARE in other nations.
- **Continuing Education:** The need to harmonize continuing education requirements among jurisdictions was discussed, and proposed changes to the CLARB Continuing Education Standards, which mirrored recent changes to NCARB's *Model Regulations*, were presented for comment. No consensus was reached on this issue, but it will continue to be explored.

The following issues were discussed at the NCIDQ Annual Council of Delegates Meeting in Chicago, Illinois on November 9-10, 2012:

- **Upcoming Exam Changes:** Beginning in 2013, the two multiple-choice sections of the NCIDQ exam will be offered as the Interior Design Fundamentals Exam (IDFX), which will be available to those who meet NCIDQ's education requirements, and the Interior Design Professional Exam (IDPX), which will be available to those who meet both the education and experience requirements.

These sections will be given exclusively in a computer-based format at Prometric test centers in narrow spring and fall testing windows. The Interior Design Practicum (PRAC) will continue to be offered in a paper-and-pencil format, although research has begun to determine the feasibility of converting this section to computer-based delivery, as well.

- **Corporate Name Change/Logo Use Program:** NCIDQ is in the process of changing the corporate name to the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) to better reflect the international scope of the organization. This change will also allow active certificate holders to use a trademarked NCIDQ certificate holder logo. The name of the exam will remain the NCIDQ Examination.
- **Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP) Changes:** Beginning this fall, exam applicants will be set up to use IDEP when they apply to NCIDQ. NCIDQ will no longer require that participants in the program have the qualifications of their supervisors and mentors approved by NCIDQ. Additionally, the program will now be free to use. Participation in IDEP remains optional.
- **Practice Acts:** Delegates discussed a goal set by the NCIDQ Council of Past Presidents to have interior design practice acts in all U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions by the 50th anniversary of NCIDQ in 2024. Several obstacles to achieving this goal were discussed by the delegates.
- **Interior Architecture:** Use of the term “interior architecture” was discussed. Approximately twenty (20) programs accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) use the title “interior architecture” instead of “interior design.” No consensus was reached on this issue.
- **Alternate Education Review Program (AERP):** The AERP provides a new route for eligibility for applicants who have followed a non-traditional path into the profession. Such individuals would not be eligible for registration in Tennessee without completing an interior design degree. This program is currently in the pilot test phase.

with the Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission, expected to be completed by February 2013, which identifies opportunities for stormwater management methods that promote infiltration, evapotranspiration, and harvesting and reuse of rainwater in East Tennessee communities.

"The program is intent on delivering a solid education in the fundamentals of the profession," said Collett, "but we also see advancing the design and stewardship of landscapes in our communities, and enhancing the profession's capacity and body of knowledge in Tennessee and beyond as central to our mission."

Establishment of the program took several years and the support of many in and around the region, including the Tennessee American Society of Landscape Architects (TN ASLA), the Landscape Architecture Accreditation Board, the Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners and the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission gave its final approval for the program in late July 2007.

Accreditation was achieved through the leadership of four program chairs – Professors Tracy Moir-McClean, Sam Rogers, Ken McCown, and Brad Collett. Oversight and support through the deans and faculty of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the College of Architecture and Design, and UT administration were also instrumental to the program's success.

To learn more about the UT Graduate Landscape Architecture Program, please visit <http://www.arch.utk.edu>.

NEWS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

New Electronic Filing Requirements for Professional Privilege Tax

All professional privilege tax returns filed on or after January 1, 2013, must be filed electronically. Professional privilege tax returns can be filed electronically either by individuals, or by companies who file and pay for multiple individuals.

The department will not be mailing taxpayers a Professional Privilege Tax Return for the \$400 tax due June 1, 2013.

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CHILD SUPPORT AND STUDENT LOAN SUSPENSIONS

Did you know that failure to pay child support or student loans could jeopardize your license? T.C.A. § 36-5-706, enacted in 1996, requires the suspension of a license upon certification by the Department of Human Services that an individual is not in compliance with an order of child support. A license suspended under this provision may only be reinstated upon receipt of a release from the Department of Human Services.

Additionally, T.C.A. § 56-1-312, enacted in 1999, requires the suspension of a license upon notification by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) that an individual is in default with repayment of a student loan. Such suspension may only be lifted upon receipt of an order to terminate the suspension from the TSAC.

The aforementioned statutes do not allow any appeal to the licensing agency of the action to suspend a license. Any appeals must be directed

to the Department of Human Services or the TSAC.

The licenses of the following registrants are currently suspended due to non-payment of child support or student loans:

James R. Bailey, R.A. #21746
Knoxville, Tennessee

Suspended for being in default with repayment of a student loan, effective October 31, 2011.

Kinnie A. Johnson, R.A. #16447
Nashville, Tennessee

Suspended for noncompliance with an order of child support, effective August 3, 2012.

RULEMAKING UPDATE

Rule changes approved by the Board at the August 15, 2012, rulemaking hearing have been filed with the Secretary of State and are scheduled to take effect on March 11, 2013. Following is a summary of the changes:

- Rules 0120-01-.08 Applications – Landscape Architect and 0120-01-.23 Reexamination – Landscape Architect are amended to delete references to the Board collecting examination fees.
- Rule 0120-01-.13 Examinations – General is amended by adding a new paragraph outlining the conditions under which the Board may invalidate an applicant's examination results or prohibit the applicant from taking an examination for a period of time determined by the Board.
- Rule 0120-01-.25 Renewal of Registration is amended to specify that registrants holding a retired certificate may continue to refer to themselves as an architect, engineer, or landscape architect, provided that the word "retired" is used in conjunction with the title.
- Rule 0120-02-.02 Proper Conduct of Practice is amended by adding a new paragraph prohibiting registrants from competitively bidding professional services on local public works projects. This reflects current law as prescribed at Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-106(a)(2)(A) [Contracts for professional services].
- Rules 0120-02-.07 Misconduct and 0120-04-.10 Professional Conduct are amended to require registrants to report felony convictions and disciplinary actions resulting in revocation, suspension or voluntary surrender to the Board within sixty (60) days of the action and to require registrants to respond to Board requests and investigations within thirty (30) days of

the mailing of communications, unless an earlier response is specified. Language is also added stating that a registrant may be deemed by the Board to be guilty of misconduct in his professional practice if he fails to comply with a lawful order of the Board.

- Rule 0120-02-.08 Seals is amended to clarify the requirements for revising plans prepared by another registrant and to specifically prohibit owners/clients, contractors, subcontractors, other design professionals, or any of their agents, employees or assigns, from making changes to final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents after final revision and sealing by a registrant. The language regarding electronic seals, signatures and dates of signature is also amended to more closely mirror the language in the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) *Model Rules*.
- Rule 0120-04-.08 Renewal of Registration is amended by adding a new paragraph allowing retired registered interior designers to continue use of the title "registered interior designer," provided that the word "retired" is used in conjunction with the title, and to renew such registration without cost.
- New rules were adopted (0120-02-.10 Other Enforcement Actions and 0120-04-.12 Other Enforcement Actions) enhancing the authority of the Board to require passage of a law and rules exam,

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Examinations...cont.

REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

(National Council for Interior Design Qualification Exam)

Brittany Thompson Collins
Catherine Petty Cunningham
Jennifer Nicole Edmondson
Mariette Fortenberry
Tava Christina Frazier
Joy Diane Laughlin
Leslie Claire McClenny
Deborah Anne Presson
Beth A. Roby
Amy Katherine Vetter
Leslie Ann Wilson

Dept of Revenue...cont.

For a step-by-step guide to electronically file an individual professional privilege tax return, please visit our website at <https://apps.tn.gov/privtx/>.

If you are a company filing and paying for multiple individuals, please visit our website at <https://apps.tn.gov/privbatch/>.

Public Chapter 657 (2012) authorizes the commissioner to require that any return, report, claim, statement, application, or other document filed with the department, including any payment or remittance that accompanies such document, be submitted electronically in a manner approved by the commissioner beginning no sooner than ninety days after the commissioner has certified that a system is in place for the electronic submission of such document or payment.

These new electronic filing requirements will permit us to process your return and payment more timely and efficiently at a cost savings to the State. Should you have additional questions, feel free to contact our Electronic Commerce Unit at (866) 368-6374 for in-state calls or (615) 253-0704 for local or out-of-state calls.

Taxpayer Services Division

[Editor's Note: All actively registered architects, engineers, and landscape architects are subject to the annual \$400 professional privilege tax. Registrants may be disciplined for failure to pay the tax for two or more years.]

NCARB Opportunities...cont.

limited to, hanging drywall, wiring, flooring, plumbing, and building layout.

"Construction work gives interns experience working with materials and a better understanding of installation requirements and material limitations," said Harry M. Falconer Jr., AIA, NCARB, Director, Internship + Education. "This is also an opportunity to work directly with contractors instrumental in creating the final product."

Academic Internships

Additionally, architecture students participating in academic internships meeting the requirements defined in the *IDP Guidelines* through their university can now earn more than 930 hours through this opportunity. NCARB's Board of Directors decided to remove the limit as a result of discussions with the ACSA, the Council's Internship Committee, and the IDP Advisory Committee. Limited IDP credit for academic internships was permitted for the first time in April 2012 as part of the new IDP 2.0 criteria.

This change recognizes that many academic institutions have internships that run parallel or are embedded in to their academic programs, and have an oversight structure that provides a level of quality control for the experience being earned. The NCARB Board concluded that these programs provide the participants with valuable work experience that is intended to expose students to the "real world" aspects of the practice.

"The committees and the Board of Directors felt experience obtained within the guidelines of the IDP should count for hours toward the program regardless of whether the host is a firm, an academic institution, or other related setting," Falconer said.

Full details on these opportunities and how to report them are available in the *IDP Guidelines* at www.ncarb.org.

ADDRESS CHANGES

It's the rule...if you move, you need to give the Board your new mailing address within 30 days (Rule 0120-01-.27). We would also appreciate knowing when you change employers. This is your personal responsibility and not your employer's. We know you want to receive your license renewal notices and other important communications promptly. Address changes may be submitted by e-mail to Frances Smith at frances.p.smith@tn.gov, or made through the online renewal system at <https://apps.tn.gov/cirens/> (you do not have to complete the renewal process to update your address). Please provide us with your e-mail address, as well, since most of our communications are now electronic.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Stephen J. King, PE (Knoxville, Tennessee) was recently appointed to serve as an associate engineer member of the Board representing East Tennessee, replacing Carlton Norris. Mr. King will serve until June 30, 2016.

Jerome M. Headley, RA (Tullahoma, Tennessee) was recently appointed to serve as an architect member of the Board representing Middle Tennessee, replacing Jim Hastings. Mr. Headley will serve until June 30, 2016.

Frank W. Wagster, RA (Jackson, Tennessee) was recently appointed to serve as an architect member representing West Tennessee, replacing David Schuermann. Mr. Wagster will serve until June 30, 2015.

Paul W. (Bill) Lockwood, RLA (Nashville, Tennessee) was recently reappointed to serve as the Board's landscape architect member. Mr. Lockwood will serve until June 30, 2016.

Video Series...cont.

rules of the road to minimize detours along the way.

The series includes five short videos:

- **Overview:** Earning a license means you can call yourself an architect. This video provides an overview of the path to licensure and how to get started.
- **Education:** Before choosing a degree program, prospective students will want to understand the education requirement for licensure.
- **Experience:** Earning experience is an essential step to becoming an architect. This video explains the experience requirement for licensure.
- **Examination:** All aspiring architects need to pass the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®). This video explains the examination requirement for licensure.
- **Licensure and Certification:** This video provides an overview of the final steps—applying for licensure and making the most of your career through certification.

The **Destination: Architect** video series can be found on the NCARB YouTube channel and on www.ncarb.org. Additionally, if you are interested in having an NCARB representative speak to your school, firm, or event on licensure-related topics, please contact Martin Smith at msmith@ncarb.org for more information.

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Rulemaking Update...cont.

additional continuing education hours, or probation with peer review of technical work in disciplinary cases.

- Rules 0120-05-.06 Types of Acceptable Continuing Education and 0120-05-.07 Credits are amended to allow registrants to claim a maximum of eight (8) Professional Development Hours per biennium for attendance at Board meetings and professional society

legislative events, and active participation in a technical/professional society or organization, or a technical or professional public board, as an officer or committee member.

The complete text of the rulemaking hearing rules is available on the Board's website (www.tn.gov/commerce/boards/ae).

Former Board Members Honored



Board Chair Philip Lim presented a resolution of gratitude to former associate engineer member Dennis Henderson on August 15, 2012. Mr. Henderson served on the Board from January 9, 2004, to February 6, 2012



Board Chair Philip Lim presented a resolution of gratitude to former associate engineer member Carlton Norris on October 12, 2012. Mr. Norris served on the Board from September 1, 2004, to June 30, 2012.



Board Chair Philip Lim presented an emeritus certificate to former architect member Jim Hastings on December 5, 2012. Mr. Hastings served on the Board from January 9, 2004, to September 17, 2012.